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POSTAGE (10N) (COST OR CHARGES OR BILL) (S) ((BATCH) (5N) -

Items

Description

(LETTERS OR ITEMS OR ENVELOPES))

Set

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mailpieces utilizing *envelopes such* as the envelope I shown in Fig. 1(i). Such mailpieces are preferably delivered to...